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CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRODUCING LARGE RADIOBROADCASTING
TRANSMITTER FOR EGYPT

A large radiobroadcasting transmitter is reported being produced in Czechoslovakia for export to the United Arab Republic. The transmitter is to be installed in the "most powerful" broadcasting station in the Middle East. 1/

COMMENT: This transmitter is probably a 150 to 300 kilowatt (kw) transmitter being produced for Egypt's powerful international broadcasting station at El Mansura. Its production indicates the likely fulfillment of Egyptian plans to expand the transmission power of the station from 300kw to 600kw by the end of 1958. 2/ The new transmitter would make the station the most powerful in North Africa and the Middle East, increasing broadcasting range and strengthening Egypt's dominant broadcasting position in that area.

SOURCES:

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Distribution:

- 0 - CSS
- 1 - D/S ✓
- 1 - CSS File
- 1 - VMC
- 1 - Area
- 1 - WFM
- 1 - RHH

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